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April 29, 2005

Mr. Ross Patronsky Chief of the CMAQ Program 300 W. Adams Street Chicago, IL 60606

> Re: CMAQ Project Status FY 1997-2001

Dear Mr. Patronsky:

In response to your letter dated March 30, 2005 the Chicago Transit Authority is providing the following information regarding the status of CMAQ projects from FY 1997 through 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Connelly at 312-681-3452 or Laura Fedak at 312-681-3480.

Sincerely

Paul F. Fish Vice President, Capital Investment

1997

TIP#

16-95-0039

Project #

17595

Grant #

IL-90-X314/CTA-087-97-CD

Project Title Fuel Cell Bus Program

This project is complete and closed.

1997

TIP#

16-96-0001

Project #

17594

Grant #

IL-90-0314/CTA-087-97-CD

Project Title Green Line Corridor Marketing Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

We will be hiring a full-time temporary position to market CMAQ funded projects, including the Green Line, within the next couple of months.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

Until CTA's funding situation is resolved, we may not be able to market the Green Line aggressively.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

1997

TIP#

16-97-0001

Project #

17596

Grant#

IL-90-X314/CTA-087-97-CD

Project Title New Resident Marketing Program

This project is complete and closed.

1999

TIP#

16-97-0001

Project #

17741

Grant#

IL-90-X355/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title New Resident Marketing Program

This project is complete and closed.

1999

TIP#

16-99-0016

Project #

17740

Grant#

IL-90-X355/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title University Pass Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is complete. However, due to the success of the project additional funds are being reprogrammed and transferred from project number 17999 (16-66-0018) Corporate Relocation Assistance Program.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

N/A

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

CTA will distribute the University Pass and related informational materials to 39 participating schools.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

Additional funds will be expended by 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

1999

TIP#

16-99-0017

Project #

17743

Grant #

IL-90-X355/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Increase Use of Park-N-Ride Lots

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

A marketing campaign is being developed to expend the balance of funds. Brochures will be created, increased signage will be developed at parking lots, and advertising will be place in local are newspapers. Park-N-Ride lots to be targeted are 54th/Cermak. Garfield, 63rd/Ashlands, Lawrence/Kedzie, Forest Park, and Linden.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No

What is the current estimated completion year?

First guarter 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

1999

TIP#

16-99-0018

Project #

17999

Grant #

IL-90-X355/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Corporate Relocation Assistance

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

N/A.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

Funds in the project will be reprogrammed and transferred to project number 17740 (16-99-0016) University Pass Program.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

CTA has determined that funds will have a greater emission benefit in the highly successful University Pass Program project.

What is the current estimated completion year?

Funds will be expended in the University Pass Program project by 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

1999

TIP#

16-99-0019

Project #

17756

Grant # IL-90-X355/CTA Share (CIP)
Project Title New Employee Program

This project is complete and closed.

2000

TIP#

16-00-0001

Project #

18716

Grant #

IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Western Avenue Express Bus Stops

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

CTA anticipates completion of a project scope of work, solicitation, and selection of a project contractor.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

The potential service cuts in July of 2005 would eliminate the Western Express (#X49) bus, for which the CMAQ funded improvements are planned. However, the improvements would also benefit Western Avenue (#49), for which service cuts are not potentially impending. In addition, given the high ridership on Western Avenue bus routes, express service could be restored when funds become available.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

CTA originally intended to install bus shelters and real-time bus information at express bus stops on Western Avenue with the CMAQ funding in question. Since the original application for CMAQ funding, a third party contractor has installed bus shelters in this corridor. In addition, the Regional Transportation Authority is in the process of developing real-time bus information technology for use in the CTA system, and is not ready for deployment at this time. For this reason, we intend to use the CMAQ funds for installation of related bus stop improvements that are being developed in a separate Regional Technical Assistance funded design study.

What is the current estimated completion year?

Construction anticipated starting fall of 2006 with project completion in 2007.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2000

TIP#

16-95-0039

Project #

18722

Grant #

IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Fuel Cell Bus Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

N/A

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

Funds will be reprogrammed and transferred to project number 19518 (16-04-0004) Express Bus Service for #79 79th Street, #22 Clark Street, and #9 Ashland.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

Since the fuel cell project was discontinued there is no need for the project as originally defined. Therefore, funds will be transferred to the Express Bus project.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

Funds once transferred to the Express Bus project will be expended by 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2000

TIP#

16-97-0001

Project #

18725

Grant #

IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title New Resident Marketing Program

This project is complete and closed.

2000

TIP#

16-66-0016

Project #

18719

Grant #

IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title University Pass Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is complete. However due to the success of the project additional funds are being reprogrammed and transferred from project number 18734 (16-99-0018) Corporate Relocation Assistance Program.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

CTA will distribute the University Pass and related informational materials to 39 participating schools.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

Additional funds will be expended by 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2000

TIP#

16-99-0017

Project #

18728

Grant#

IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Increase Usage of Park-N-Ride lots

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

A marketing campaign is being developed to expend the balance of funds. Brochures will be created, increased signage will be developed at parking lots, and advertising will be place in local are newspapers. Park-N-Ride lots to be targeted are 54th/Cermak, Garfield, 63rd/Ashlands, Lawrence/Kedzie, Forest Park, and Linden.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2005.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2000

TIP#

16-99-0018

Project #

18734

Grant #

IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Corporate Relocation Assistance

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

N/A.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

Funds in the project will be reprogrammed and transferred to project 18719 (16-66-0016) University Pass Program.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

CTA has determined that funds will have a greater emission benefit in the highly successful University Pass Program project.

What is the current estimated completion year?

Funds will be expended in the University Pass Program project by 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

TIP# 16-99-0019

Project # 18740

Grant # IL-90-X377/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Implement New Employee Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

Additional companies will be solicited for enrollment in the program and the quantity of kits shipped per month will increase.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

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What is the current estimated completion year?

2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2001

TIP#

16-00-0068

Project #

18795

Grant #

IL-90-X406/CTA-1016-01-CB

Project Title Purchase Up To 7 Hybrid Electric Buses

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

N/A.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

A scope revision was submitted to CATS on December 9, 2004. See attached Exhibit A. This scope revision outlined how the funds in this project will be used for an incremental cost difference to purchase hybrid buses. CTA has received verbal approval from CATS this action and is still waiting for written confirmation. The hybrid buses will be built and delivered in 2006.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No

What is the current estimated completion year?

The hybrid buses will be delivered by third quarter 2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

Exhibit A



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December 9, 2004

Mr. Don Kopec Associate Executive Director Chicago Area Transportation Study 300 W. Adams Street Chicago, IL 60606

Attn: Mr. Ross Patronsky

Re: Scope Revision CMAQ Project # 16-00-0068

Dear Mr. Kopec:

On March 16, 2000 the Chicago Transit Authority submitted the Authority's FY 2001 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Proposals. One of the projects submitted was entitled: Purchase of Up to Ten 30' to 40' Hybrid Electric Buses. The Chicago Transit Authority hereby requests that the Chicago Area Transportation Study revise the scope of that project.

The original scope of the project proposed the purchase of up to ten 30' to 40' hybrid electric buses to test promising low emissions technology. The proposed scope change will allow for the purchase of up to twenty hybrid buses, ten Parallel Hybrid buses and ten Series Hybrid buses. This change increases the number of hybrids being purchased and, in turn, maximizes the use of the CMAQ funds to reduce engine emissions. CMAQ project #16-00-0068 and additional Capital funds will provide for the incremental cost difference of purchasing a standard diesel bus verses purchasing a hybrid bus.

These two types of hybrid buses will allow for a side-by-side comparison to determine which one is best suited for the CTA's service area needs. Both types of hybrids, Parallel and Series, are being developed for transit service by separate companies. While each company states that their hybrid is ideal for transit service, no side-by-side comparison using the same bus chassis has been done to date.

The revised project scope allows the CTA to combine the purchase of the hybrids with a substantial order of conventional transit buses, thereby taking advantage of the economies of scale associated with large quantity purchase. The purchase of the additional buses also increases the sample size for each type of hybrid, which increases the validity of the side-by-side comparison the CTA intends to undertake.

Mr. Don Kopec Chicago Area Transportation Study Page 2 of 2

Standard Bus Cost	341,069			
Type of Bus	Cost of Hybrid Bus	Incremental Cost Difference	# Of Buses	Total Cost
Series Bus Cost	528,861	187,792	10	1,877,920
Parallel Bus Cost	532,727	191,658	10	1,916,580
				3,794,500
			CMAQ from #16-00-0068	(3,000,000)
			Other Capital Funding	794,500

If you have any questions concerning this information please contact me at (312) 681-3450 or Mike Connelly at (312) 681-3452

Sincerely,

Paul F. Fish Vice President Capital Investment

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2001

TIP#

16-01-0001

Project #

18792

Grant #

IL-90-X406/ CTA-1016-01-CB

Project Title New Park & Ride Facility 79th & Perry (Red Line)

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

No.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

CTA will acquire a new parcel for a new location for the Park-N-Ride. A scope revision will be submitted once a new location is found.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

CTA was unable to convert this location to a Park-N-Ride. The location is adjacent to a bus garage and is still being used for transportation purposes. CTA will try to acquire a new parcel for a new location for the Park-N-Ride. A scope revision will be submitted once a new location is found. A possible problem for CTA is not being able to acquire a parcel of land to meet the requirements of a Park-N-Ride.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2001

TIP#

16-01-0002

Project #

18793

Grant #

IL-90-X406/ CTA-1016-01-CB

Project Title New Park & Ride Facility 94th & State (Red Line)

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

No.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

CTA will acquire a new parcel for a new location for the Park-N-Ride. A scope revision will be submitted once a new location is found.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

CTA was unable to convert this location to a Park-N-Ride. The surrounding community would not allow a Park-N-Ride to be built. Not being able to acquire a parcel of land to meets the requirements of a Park-N-Ride. A possible problem for CTA is not being able to acquire a parcel of land to meet the requirements of a Park-N-Ride.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2001

TIP#

16-99-0016

Project #

18794

Grant #

IL-90-X406/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title University Pass Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

CTA will distribute the University Pass and related informational materials to 39 participating schools.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2001

TIP#

16-99-0018

Project #

18796

Grant #

IL-90-X406/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title Corporate Relocation Assistance

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

Correspondence with new and relocating companies will contribute to the growth of the Transit Benefit Program.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2007.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?

2001

TIP#

16-99-0019

Project #

18797

Grant #

IL-90-X406/CTA Share (CIP)

Project Title New Employee Program

Which CMAQ projects are completed?

This project is not complete.

Are the funds available sufficient to complete the project?

Yes.

What is the expected to be completed on this project in the next year?

Additional companies will be solicited for enrollment in the program and the quantity of kits shipped per month will increase.

Are there current or anticipated problems putting completion of the project in doubt? If so, please indicate their nature and steps being taken to overcome them.

No.

Should the project be withdrawn or rescoped?

No.

What is the current estimated completion year?

2006.

Does the unobligated balance in the grant represent funds that can be reprogrammed, or funds awaiting use on one of the CMAQ projects?





CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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May 6, 2005

Mr. Michael Connelly Chicago Transit Authority P.O. Box 7062 567 W Lake St Chicago, IL 60680

Dear Mr. Connelly:

Thank you for your recent information concerning CMAQ projects funded through older FTA grants, as requested in my March 30, 2005 letter. I am pleased to note that most projects have been completed.

I do want to clarify the status of a few projects, however:

Project 18728, TIP ID 16-99-0017, Increase Usage of Park-N-Ride Lots

The related project, 17743 (same project title), has a completion date of the first quarter of 2006; this project has a completion date of 2005. Are they intended to be different? If not, which date should be used?

Project 18749, TIP ID 16-99-0016, University Pass Program

The other U-Pass projects were listed as complete. Is this one still open? If so, how much remains to be expended? Also, how much money is being proposed to add to the U-Pass program from the Corporate Relocation Assistance project?

Project 18796, TIP ID 16-99-0018, Corporate Relocation Assistance

The other Corporate Relocation Assistance projects were listed as being withdrawn, with the funds transferred to the U-Pass program. Is the intention to implement the relocation project with these funds? If so, how much has been expended on corporation relocation among the three grants that funded it?

I plan to send a memorandum to the CMAQ Project Selection Committee with the next week to ten days summarizing the status of the CMAQ projects contained in FTA grants, so a prompt reply will be appreciated. If you have further questions, please contact me via e-mail or at (312)793-3474.

Sincerely,

Ross Patronsky

Chief of the CMAQ Program

ce: Laura Fedak, Chicago Transit Authority

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May 11, 2005

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C.A.T.S.

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> Re: CMAQ Project Status FY 1997-2001 Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Patronsky:

In response to your letter dated May 6, 2005 the Chicago Transit Authority is providing the following information regarding the status of CMAQ projects from FY 1997 through 2001.

Project 18728, TIP ID 16-99-0017, Increase Usage of Park-N-Ride Lots

The related project, 17743 (same project title), has a completion date of the first quarter of 2006; this project has a completion date of 2005. Are they intended to be different? If not, which date should be used?

The completion dates for both projects is the first quarter 2006.

Project 18794, TIP ID 16-99-0016, University Pass Program

The other U-Pass projects were listed as complete. Is this one still open? If so, how much remains to be expended? Also, how much money is being proposed to add to the U-Pass program from the Corporate Relocation Assistance project?

Project Budget Expenditures Obligations Balance

\$300,000 \$160,193 \$2,428 \$137,379

This project was funded in FY 2001 and is scheduled to be completed in 2006. CTA is proposing that \$270,035 be added to the U-Pass Program from Corporate Relocation Assistance as follows:

\$95,516 - Corporate Relocation Assistance, Project # 17999 (16-99-0018) FY 1999

\$174,519 - Corporate Relocation Assistance, Project # 18734 (16-99-0018) FY 2000

Project 18796, TIP ID 16-99-0018, Corporate Relocation Assistance

The other Corporate Relocation Assistance projects were listed as being withdrawn, with the funds transferred to the U-Pass program. Is the intention to implement the relocation project with these funds? If so, how much has been expended on corporation relocation among the three grants that funded it?

Per our discussion Corporate Relocation project #18796 (16-99-0018) FY 2001 with a balance of \$200,000 will remain open. To date the amount of \$81,655 has been expended.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Connelly at 312-681-3452 or Laura Fedak at 312-681-3480.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Fish Vice President, Capital Investment